

Definition of Postsecondary Awards

Bachelor's Degree (BD)

The Bachelor's Degree requires completion of at least 4 academic years of college-level work in an academic or occupationally specific field of study.

Advanced Certificate (AC)

The Advanced Certificate requires completion of 24 to 36 semester hours in a technical specialty. Admission to the program requires an associate degree or higher, and/or national certification in the technical specialty, and/or other specifically defined postsecondary education requirements.

Associate's Degree (AD)

The Associate's Degree requires completion of at least two academic years (usually 60-72 hours) of college-level work. The Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.) is designed primarily to prepare individuals for direct employment in a technical field.

Technical Certificate (TC)

The Technical Certificate requires completion of 24 to 36 semester hours in an occupational field. The program of study may be part of an Associate of Applied Science curriculum or a stand-alone program.

Certificate of Proficiency (CP)

The Certificate of Proficiency requires completion of one semester (7-16 credit hours) or less. It is awarded to students who have demonstrated mastery of skills and knowledge against specified performance standards in a specific area or discipline.